



Beaver Creek Fire

July 22, 2016, 8:00 am

Closures & Advisories:

Closure orders have been issued for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands and can be found at:

inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797

Evacuation orders remain in place as issued by the Jackson Co. Sheriff's Office

Fire Size Today:

25,491

Containment:

5%

264 Firefighters:

3 crews, 22 engines, 1 dozer and 2 helicopters

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Fire is being managed on the Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests, BLM Kremmling Field Office, State of Colorado Lands, BLM Rawlins Field Office and Wyoming State Forestry Division

Started:

6/19/16; U.S. Forest Service law enforcement is investigating the fire is possibly human caused.

Management: Warder's Type 3 Incident Management Team

Summary:

Yesterday's fire activity again decreased in the afternoon as clouds came in and temperatures cooled. According to Fire Behavior Analyst Rocco Snart, "There was a lot of smoldering, but nothing was really well organized." Fire personnel expect similar conditions today with a possibility of thunderstorms this afternoon.

This weekend, the forecast calls for hotter and drier weather over the fire area. Vegetation that received rain over the last few days will begin to dry out, likely leading to an increase in fire activity.

On the southeast portion of the fire, crews continue to clear areas around homes to protect structures if fire moves into the area. Today, fire personnel will begin using a variety of machinery in the area of 3 Mile Creek west of Parson's Draw, constructing a fuel break in preparation for a planned burning operation early next week.

The Incident Management Team has ordered a Multi-Mission Aircraft to fly the fire to document areas of intense heat around the perimeter and near structures, including those along the 600 Road. This aerial resource is an additional tool to help plan for the expected increase in fire behavior as weather patterns change next week.

On the northeast portion of the fire, containment has been achieved in fireline construction. There is continued growth daily in the perimeter, and an effort to identify additional containment areas today will be conducted through the aerial surveys.

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